

Fulbright Still Is Front Runner For Secretary of State Post

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There were signs yesterday that President-elect Kennedy's Cabinet-making task is nearing an end.

Sen. J. William Fulbright (D-Ark.) remains the front runner in the speculation over the post of Secretary of State but a decision is still to be made. Rockefeller Foundation President Dean Rusk and Harvard College Dean McGeorge Bundy are possible choices for Under Secretary of State. Bundy seems certain to come to Washington in some post.

Adlai Stevenson, who will call on Mr. Kennedy at 2:30 p. m. here today, is now reported to be willing to accept appointment as Ambassador to the United Nations. But there were reports last night that Stevenson might prefer to be the Ambassador to NATO.

Fulbright, now chairman of

the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has been saying that he did not want the Cabinet post. And Mr. Kennedy reportedly has been receiving mixed advice about a Fulbright appointment with opposition from those who believe

Republican National Chairman Thruston B. Morton says the possibility of an election upset resulting from vote recounts is so remote it is not in the realm of consideration. Page C23.

his past support of racial segregation would be a barrier to dealing with Asian, African and Latin American nations. There also is opposition from those who consider him pro-Arab in the Israeli-Arab controversy. But he has strong support from fellow Democratic Senators including Vice President-elect Johnson.

About the only firm word was that Mr. Kennedy has now eliminated from consideration for the top Cabinet post Stevenson, Rep. Chester Bowles (D-Conn.) and former Ambassador David K. E. Bruce. But all three are expected to have Administration posts.

Mr. Kennedy appears still to be uncertain about the Attorney General's post. Most reports are that his brother, Robert Kennedy, can have the job if he wishes, but that the brother has not yet made up his mind. The one man most often suggested as an alternate choice, Colorado Attorney Byron (Whizzer) White,

is on the President-elect's calling list today.

A new name in speculation over the Treasury post turned up yesterday: Robert S. McNamara who only last month became president of the Ford Motor Co. But Republican Under Secretary of State C. Douglas Dillon still remains the favorite in the guessing game for the number two Cabinet post.

Another Republican, incumbent Thomas S. Gates Jr., is at least under consideration to head the Defense Department.

Mr. Kennedy is under no formal time compulsion to complete selection of his Cabinet—so far he has filled only three of ten posts—other than the necessity of the new men familiarizing themselves with their jobs before next Jan. 20.

While the President-elect has made it clear that sole executive power remains with President Eisenhower until Inauguration Day, the new Secretary of State will want to pick up the threads of foreign policy problems as quickly as possible. He will be aware that the United Nations General Assembly will recess on Dec. 17 until sometime next year and that the

NATO ministers will meet in Paris on Dec. 16.

The name of Fred V. Heinzel, president of the Missouri Farmers Association, is now most prominent in speculation for Secretary of Agriculture. He is the head of a big farm supply business and his organization is on good terms with the major farm organizations though not affiliated with them.

As to the job of Postmaster General, the New York Herald Tribune reported last night that it likely would go to William L. Dawson, Negro Democratic Congressman from Chicago. He is 74 and a former vice chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

As to posts other than in the Cabinet, there were stronger-than-ever reports yesterday that John M. Bailey, Democratic chairman in Connecticut and campaign adviser to Mr. Kennedy, is the President-elect's choice as Democratic National Committee Chairman. Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) is leaving that job about Inauguration Day and the National Committee probably will meet on Jan. 21 to elect his successor.

John Kenneth Galbraith, Harvard economist and author of "The Affluent Society," is said to want the post of Ambassador to India. He recently visited and lectured there. He was one of the Kennedy brain trust during the campaign.

The President-elect's brother-in-law, Sargent Shriver, is said to be interested in working on education problems in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He is a former president of the Chicago Board of Education.